New Criteria for Telephone Connection

898. SHRl F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed certain new criteria for providing telephone facilities in the plain and rural aeas so as to extend the facilities to more and more places in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the places in Karnataka which are going to be povided with this facility during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Percentage of the Reproductive age Group in the Country

899. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the percentage of reproductive age couples who use an effective family planning method in different states in the country;

((b) what are the targets set by the Government for use of family planning by the reproductive age couples; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Jovernment to cover the gap betweea he tragets and the actual use **of** amily planning by reproductive age
: ouples?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN [•HE MINISTRY OF HEALTH **AND** FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI 3AROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) V statement showing state-wise estimated percentage of couples in the •eproductive age group of 15-44 years effectively protected due to variout Family Planning methods as on 31st March, " 1986 is given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below). National Health Policy envisages achieving tha long term demographic goal of 60 per cent effective couple protection jy 2000 AD at the national level. Different states are targeted to reach 30 per cent C. P. R. by the end of 1991-92, 1996-97 and 2001-02. The statewise grouping is given in tha enclosed Statement-II (See below)

(c) To achieve the targets set under Family Welfare Programme, the State-wise review of performance 1» done every month and the monthly bulletin containing the review and feed back reports are sent to the States/U. Ts., periodical meetings with State Health Secretaries are held in which performance under varioua schemes is reviewed and problems encountered by the States are discussed and follow up actions taken. In addition, the States are also visited by Senior Officers from the Ministry.

*Estimated percentage of couplet effectively protected by **all** Family Planning methods as on 31st March,* 1986

Statement-IT

Sl. No.	State/U.T./Agency	% of couples protected (Provisional)
1	2	3
I.	MAJOR STATES (Population 1 crore or more)	
1	Andhra Pradesh	34.5
2.	Assam	25.4